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## Jin Young Park Receives 2013 Women in Cancer Research Scholar Award

Jin Young Park, a postdoctoral fellow in the Dietary Exposure Assessment Group and the Prevention and Implementation Group at IARC, received a [Women in Cancer Research Scholar Award](#) at the 2013 Annual Meeting of the American Association for Cancer Research (AACR), held 6–10 April in Washington, DC.

These awards are given annually to members of Women in Cancer Research who are scientists-in-training and presenters of meritorious scientific papers at the AACR Annual Meeting. Selection is made based on the Program Committee's rating of submitted papers and recommendations from the Selection Committee. This year's selection process was highly competitive; the 30 awardees were chosen from more than 230 applicants for the award, and the selected recipients are among the best and brightest young scientists presenting their work at the AACR Annual Meeting.

Dr Park received the Scholar Award for her paper entitled "Dietary folate intake and pancreatic cancer risk: Results from the European Prospective Investigation into Cancer and Nutrition". The study used standardized dietary folate data from 480 000 study participants who were less exposed to folate fortification or supplementation across 10 European countries. This is believed to be the single largest such study to date. The researchers found non-significant inverse associations between folate intake and pancreatic cancer risk. There was evidence that these findings were heterogeneous by smoking status; the investigators observed a significant and positive trend in pancreatic cancer risk with increasing folate intake among current smokers. Smoking may negate any beneficial effect of folate in pancreatic cancer risk.

The Scholar Awards fund the participation of young investigators at the AACR Annual Meeting. Scholar Awardees receive an award check in the amount of \$1000 to help defray expenses incurred in connection with attendance at the Meeting.

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